GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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POISONOUS ELEMENTS IN FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether poisonous elements have been found in the foodgrains to the use of chemical pesticides which have posed a danger to the health;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): As per the reports in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, no such information has come to notice.

(c): For the risk assessment from the point of view of health of consumers, maximum tolerance limits are prescribed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 which is administered by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The Food (Health) Authorities in the State Governments as well as Government of India keep a check onthe quality of foods and take action under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, whenever any violation takes place.